

DETAILED ACTION

The amendment filed on January 27, 2010 is acknowledged and entered.

The declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 filed January 27, 2010 is sufficient to overcome the rejection of claims 20-22, 27, 31-33, 35, 37-41, 43, 50-52 and 54 based upon that Finer and Rangan do not teach the addition of an ethylene inhibitor and an antioxidant under dark lighting condition of $0 \mu\text{Einsteins m}^{-2}\text{sec}^{-1}$ to induce regenerable cotton embryogenic callus.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ron Laby on April 15, 2010.

IN THE CLAIMS:

- A. Claim 1 has been cancelled.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Lashermes (J. Genet. & Breed. 46: 99-102 (1992)) is made of record to show the state of the art, and is the closest analogous art known to the Examiner. Lashermes teaches the presence of silver nitrate (ethylene inhibitor) and activated charcoal (antioxidant) in wheat anther culture (p. 101 and Table 2). Lashermes taught that the combination of silver nitrate and charcoal in the 'Hodhod' culture medium showed some evidence of embryoid production. However, there was not much difference between

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combination of silver nitrate and charcoal and silver nitrate alone regarding to the number of plants per 100 anthers (Table 2). Moreover after the transfer, the 'Hodhod' culture with the combination of silver nitrate and charcoal did worse (Table 2). Thus, teaching away from using combination of silver nitrate and charcoal (Table 2).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Claims 20-22, 27, 31-33, 35, 37-41, 43, 50-52 and 54 are allowable.

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